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TAGS: CVIS JO ASEC
SUBJECT: VISA ISSUANCE TO POSSIBLE HIGHJACKER

REF (A) STATE 268412 (B) AMMAN 8726

1. JORDANIAN GID PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ABDEL-ELAH SAID MALHAS: "IN 1969 HE ATTEMPTED TO SMUGGLE AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS INTO GREECE FOR AN OPERATION AGAINST AN OLYMPIC AIRLINES ACFT, IN ORDER TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THREE ARAB TERRORISTS BEING HELD IN GREECE FOR HAVING UNDERTAKEN AN OPERATION AN EL AL AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY.
2. " IN 1970 HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE POPULAR STRUGGLE FRONT IN AMMAN AND PARTICIPATED WITH THE FEDAYEEN IN CONFLICT AGAINST THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HERE. IN 1971 HE PARTICIPATED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF A JORDANIAN IN BEIRUT FROM THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL. AT THAT TIME HE WAS A STUDENT AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BEIRUT. HE WAS IMPROISONED IN JORDAN IN 1970 FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, INTERROGATED AND RELEASED".
3. CONSOFF TELEPHONED MALHAS HOME THIS MORNING AND WAS TOLD HE STILL IN BEIRUT BUT HE SHOULD RETURN NOVEMBER 13 OR 14. WORD WAS LEFT WITH HIS TWIN SISTER THAT ABDEL ELAH SHOULD COME TO THE EMBASSY ON HIS RETURN TO JORDAN TO DISCUSS A MATTER RELATED

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TO HIS VISA. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE HE WILL COME IN VOLUNTARILY

CONSOFF WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY TO INSURE HE DOES NOT
RETURN TO JORDAN AND LEAVE AGAIN WITH HIS SISTER FOR THE USA
WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE.

4. GID INFO APPEARS MAKE MALHAS INELIGIBLE UNDER 212(A)(28)
(F) ON BASIS THIS IHFO WE INTEND QUESTION MALHAS ABOUT HIS PART
IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND WILL CANCEL VISA. GID INFO PLUS
WHAT HE TOLD DR HUBBARD MAKE IT VERY UNLIKELY THIS CASE OF
MISTAKEN IDENTITY. ANY INFO DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO DEVELOP WOULD
BE USEFUL TO HAVE HERE BEFORE WE SEE MALHAS.
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